

POPLAR.

Poplar hawk moth.
Eyed hawk.
Goat moth.

Puss moth.
Figure of 8o moth.
Herald moth.

PRIVET.

Privet hawk moth.

Lilac beauty.

WILLOW.

Poplar hawk.
Eyed hawk.
Puss moth.
Early thorn.

Camberwell beauty
butterfly.
Emperor moth.

RAGWORT.

Cinnabar moth.

COMMON NETTLE.

Small tortoise shell
butterfly.
Peacock butterfly.

Red admiral
butterfly.
Ghost swift moth.

A breeding cage, price 2/6, may be obtained from Messrs. Watkins & Doncaster, 36, Strand, London.

Useful books on Entomology are the following:—

Natural History of Butterflies and Moths; by Edward Newman, 25/.

Our Country's Butterflies and Moths; W. J. Gordon, 6/-

Common British Moths; J. G. Wood, 3/6 coloured, plain 1/-

British Butterflies; W. S. Coleman, 3/6.

Practical Hints for the Field Lepidopterist. Just published. By J. W. Tutt, 5/6.

S. SMYTH.

THE READING UNION.

One Post Card and the following letter are the only communications which reached the editor by the given date. Is comment needful? Attention is especially drawn to the suggestion that post cards on any helpful book of general interest may always be sent in. For the following term the especial books suggested are:—

"The Buried Temple," Maeterlinck. Published by G. Allen, 4/6.

"Pastor Agnorum" (see Parent's Review).

"The Heart of the Empire," (Social Essays).

"Caroline the Illustrious" (2 vols).

(Caroline of Anopach, Wife of George II.—a most interesting and enlightening book for the Georgian period.)

Renaissance Types (Lilly)—

A scholarly survey of the master minds of the Renaissance. A series of deeply appreciative studies of the men who helped to forward the process of re-awakening. We have brought before us a stirring spectacle of the widespread influence of good men—not only in their especial work, but in their daily lives. On the other hand, we see the bad effect of failure to live up to the ideal as depicted in the lives of Luther and his disciples. Truly here are five notable "footprints in the sands of time."

S. H.

Various books recommended:—

"Watts," C. T. Bateman. Bell's miniature series of Painters.

(Eight reproductions, admirable for picture talks.)

"The Lives of the Hunted," "Wild Animals I have known," E. Seton Thompson. Published by David Nutt, each 6/-.

(Wonderfully interesting and intimate studies of wild life.)

"A Guide to the Best Historical Novels and Tales," J. Field. Published by Elkin Mathuens.

(Short reviews of all extant historical novels arranged in the centuries of which they treat, and quite up-to-date.)

DEAR EDITOR,

I have to send in apologies for not having read any of the books recommended by the Reading Union this term. We, who teach in Class II., have left Mary Stuart, and our present heroes are Henry of Navarre and Francis Drake. May I recommend a book I have found most useful, "Henry of Navarre," by P. F. Willert—in the "Heroes of the Nation" series. "Froude's English Seamen of the Sixteenth Century" has also been a great help to my history lessons, and the children and I have delighted in his vivid magnificent English. Another book I have read which might interest those interested in the Eastern Question, is "Asia and Europe," by Meredith Townsend. It is not as beautiful as Fielding's book, but exceedingly interesting.

Everyone ought to read Mrs. Boole's pamphlet called the "Cultivation of the Mathematical Imagination." Price 6d., from Benham & Co., 24, High Street, Colchester. It is quite an enlightenment to all who struggle to make arithmetic interesting.

Do country members know that Green's Illustrated History is being published in monthly parts, price 6d., 40 to complete the set? A book that will be invaluable to all of us. Forgive me for taking up space with matters not strictly Reading Union.—Yours, etc.,

E. C. ALLEN.

GAMES.

THE GALLOWES.

A piece of poetry is selected, and a line or two written down with strokes instead of letters—thus:

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Mary had a little lamb.

The other player then asks the arranger to supply an a or c or any letter at will, which is duly written above right place. If, however, any letter is asked for not contained in the line, a little gallows is drawn in the corner, and first a head, then an arm, etc. of the victim supplied. If the guesser finds out the line before the victim is filled in he has won.

TABLE BLIND MAN'S BUFF

For two players. These must take off their shoes, and when blindfolded, be placed at opposite corners of a long table, on which they are bound to keep one hand. They start in opposite directions, but after the first, may turn and go any way. The first toucher is the winner. Absolute silence of movement is a great object on the part of both players. It sometimes happens, with a large table, that the two players do not find each other for a quarter of an hour.

CHILDREN'S SAYINGS.

The editor will be glad to receive contributions to this column, and undertakes to render them strictly anonymous.

1. Mary (who had been told she was never to say she loved good things to eat, as they are only to be liked): "Oh, Mother, isn't this a lovely—I mean a likely pudding!"
2. John (aged four, saying his prayers): "Please God make me a good boy—but not too good, cos' I wants to enjoy myself!"
3. Percy (who has been asked for the plural of loaf—"What would you say if you had six?") "Six loafers!"